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1. The new steel plant on the Oder near Furstenberg is to be named "Hüttenwerk Kombinat Ost". It is to have ore smelters, steel furnaces and a rolling mill. As director of the plant, a man is to be brought from the Maxhütte at Untermöllern. The business manager is to be Herold, now the the VVB-VESTA.
2. Plans are being made for the formation of two new ministries: Heavy Industry and Light Industry. The VVB-VESTA will be reorganized and the large steel works of Hennigsdorf, Riesa, Gröditz and Maxhütte will come directly under the administration of the new Ministry for Heavy Industry. The Ministries of Commerce in the five land governments are to be dissolved and the VVBs administered by these land ministries will fall under zonal control. Some transfers of personnel have already taken place. The director of VVB-VESTA, Grabner, is seeking appointment as head of the Brandenburg plant. The business manager of VESTA, Schettler, has resigned.

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